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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Kline
Chairman Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Todd Rokita
Chairman Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner, Chairman Chaffetz, Chairman Kline and Chairman Rokita:

On behalf of Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School, We would like to thank you for your leadership for H.R. 10, the reauthorization of the SOAR Act, and to express our strong support for the proposal.

More than 85,000 students attend District of Columbia Public Schools and D.C. charter schools. Enrollment is climbing steadily after enduring four decades of decline. The improving quality of the educational options we offer families in the District is a primary reason for this growth. The SOAR Act provides valuable resources for these children, resources that have supported these improvements.

Washington Yu Ying educates 551 students from all 8 wards of the District. Grants from the SOAR program have provided us with the ability to share our evidence based comprehensive immersion and International Baccalaureate instructional model with other public schools.

It has been instrumental in fueling the growth and quality of DC public charter schools that enroll nearly 50% of DC public education students. I encourage you to do everything you can to continue the strong support of school choice in the District of Columbia through the SOAR program. Thank you for your support for DC students and families. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you for your support of DC students and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maquita Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Maquita Alexander
Head of School